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Radio Adventure

DAYTON 2026

Welcome to Greene County

DAYTON HAMVENTION® 2026

Greene County proudly welcomes **Dayton Hamvention!** As a place rich in history, innovation, and scenic beauty, we're honored to be the backdrop for this incredible event. While you're here for the excitement of Hamvention, we hope you'll take the opportunity to explore the unique charm of our local communities. Stop by our booth for a **free Visitors Guide** or visit our website to discover all the unique experiences Greene County has waiting for you!

HAMVENTION® 2026 GREENE COUNTY, OHIO

STOP BY OUR BOOTH FOR A FREE COLLECTORS PIN!

Welcome to the 2026 Dayton Hamvention

This Year's Theme: *Radio Adventure*

Whether you're picking up your first HF radio or you've been chasing DX since before most of our volunteers were born, we're glad you're here. Hamvention exists because of you; the curious, the passionate, and the endlessly resourceful amateur radio community. This year's theme, Radio Adventure, captures exactly what we hope you'll find within these fairgrounds: discovery around every corner, connections that span the globe, and the kind of inspiration that follows you home. From the Flea Market to our Forums, Exhibits, and activities throughout the weekend, there is truly something here for every ham at every level.

We have a few exciting additions this year worth seeking out. The DARA Trading Post makes its debut this year, featuring a collection of decommissioned equipment that has accumulated over the years, a treasure trove for anyone who appreciates a piece of amateur radio history. We've also expanded the Flea Market with a brand new section located behind the EMCOMM display, so be sure to explore every aisle. Take your time, talk to the vendors, sit in on a forum, and let the spirit of Radio Adventure carry you somewhere new. Then take that spirit home and share it with your club, your community, and the next ham you help license.

None of this happens without the support of the outstanding agencies and organizations that partner with us each year. We extend our sincere gratitude to Greene County Administration, the Greene County Sheriff's Office, Xenia Township, the City of Xenia, the Greene County Fair Board, and the Greene County Convention & Visitors Bureau. Their commitment to this event makes it possible for us to welcome over 30,000 attendees from around the world to this corner of Ohio each May. Equal thanks goes to the hundreds of dedicated volunteers who give their time and energy to assemble, organize, and run every aspect of this show. Without them, there simply is no Hamvention. On behalf of the entire Hamvention team, thank you for being here, and enjoy the show.

From all of us at Hamvention,
Brian Markland, N8UDQ
General Chairman Dayton Hamvention 2026

Brian Markland, N8UDQ
General Chair

Hazel Everetts, N8PTL
Assistant General Chair

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ARRL events

More program information is available on the ARRL Events App and Hamvention.org. Find more details about **forums, exhibitors, flea market, prizes, affiliated events, and transportation.** Find detailed **maps, the vendor list, services, affiliated events, and forums listings** on the ARRL Events App, and at Hamvention.org

Hamvention.org

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) and Hamvention fully support and are committed to the objectives of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We strive to provide equal opportunity to all ADA qualified persons who participate in Hamvention. Our objective is to provide access to the event and we expect nothing less of those who provide building facilities, exhibits, and services at our event.

FRIDAY HOURS

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Flea Market open. Bus service runs 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Inside Exhibits open.
9:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Forums and scheduled activities.
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Amateur Radio License Exams.
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Hourly prize drawings.

SATURDAY HOURS

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Flea Market open. Bus service runs 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Inside Exhibits open.
9:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Forums and scheduled activities.
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Hourly prize drawings.
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Amateur Radio License Exams.

SUNDAY HOURS

(No Parking at Hobson Park)

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Flea Market open. Bus service runs 7:00 a.m. - After Prize Drawing
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Inside Exhibits open.
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Prize drawings, must be claimed by noon.
9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Forums and scheduled activities.
1:00 p.m.	Award Winners' Presentation in Forums 1 & 2.
1:00 p.m.	Prize Drawing in Forums 1 & 2. Bus Service will be run for a short time after the main prize drawing.

Hamvention Patches & Lanyards

The DARA BSA Venture Crew 73

Located just outside the main gate and

down the aisle from the Prize Booth at 4010

Souvenir Patch $5.00

Souvenir lanyards with ticket lamination $5.00

Outside Tent	Inside Booth
Fri 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sat 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Sat 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sun Closed	Sun Closed

Stop by with your children and they will receive a surprise suitable for "little hams"!

Hamvention Phone Numbers

Information Line	937-416-3739
Inside Exhibits	937-405-3957
Flea Market	937-603-8411

INFORMATION
Information Booths are located inside the main pedestrian gate, outside the main pedestrian gate, and rear walking gate to the flea market.

DARA MEMBERSHIP
DARA membership is located in Building 4, "Volta" Booth 4007. (See map pages.)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE
Hamvention will have medical staff on site during show hours between Buildings 4 & 5. Emergency care is also available from the following:

Greene Memorial Hospital
1141 N Monroe Dr, Xenia, OH 45385

MESSAGE CENTER
Leave a message for your friends by submitting their call sign and message at the Prize Booth. Prize monitors throughout the arena complex will periodically list "message holding" by call sign.

FREE LICENSE EXAMS
Have you been thinking about upgrading your license? Take a short ride across the street and visit the Hamvention License Exams. We are ready to assist you in taking that big step to a new license. Free license exams will be given across the street from Hamvention at Memorial United Presbyterian Church, 343 West Ankeney Mill Rd.

Testing for all amateur license classes will be available on Friday, May 15th, and on Saturday, May 16th. Hours for testing both days will be **10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** There will be no testing on Sunday.

Free shuttle vans are provided from the Hamvention site to the testing location and back. Shuttles will pick up and drop off near the main Hamvention gate. Exams will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no pre-registration. Large print exams will be available at all test sessions.

Due to the extreme volume of applicants retests will not be offered.

Each applicant must have the following:
1) An FCC Registration number (FRN)
An FRN may be obtained by visiting the FCC at-
https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/knowledge-base/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration

***Be sure to copy down the FRN number you are issued and bring it with you to the testing location.

2) The original and a copy of any CSCE or other paperwork (expired licenses, FCC letters, etc.) being submitted for element credit.

3) Identification (One of the following)
• a government-issued photo ID (e.g. driver's license, passport, Common Access Card (CAC)),
• a non-government issued photo ID (e.g. student ID),
• a non-photo ID (e.g. birth certificate).
4) A basic calculator for use during the exam. Use of smart phones and programmable calculators is prohibited.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION
Work the world from Hamvention as W8BI at the 2025 Special Event Station! There is no license requirement to participate. The station, located in the Tesla Building, will be operating during normal Hamvention hours.
The station will have paddles for CW.
Come see the new Icom radio!

TALK-IN FREQUENCIES
For directions and assistance in the Dayton area during your visit to Hamvention, contact "Talk-In" on the DARA Repeater 146.94(-) pl 123.0, with a backup frequency of 146.985(-) pl 123.0. We will have a bulletin system transmitting on 145.525 where attendees and vendors can hear the latest information and updates and get answers to the most frequently asked questions. Please tune in to the bulletin and then return to the Talk-In frequency if you have other questions or need more detailed information.

LOST & FOUND
The Information Booth next to Building 1 will accept lost items. Items can be retrieved at this location the day the item is lost. Items can be retrieved at this location on Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Saturday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and Sunday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. After the show, contact info@hamvention.org for Lost and Found Questions.

FLEA MARKET CLAIM CHECK (PACKAGE PICKUP)
A "Flea Market Claim Check" is available for guests to check heavy or large purchases at the Flea Market Claim Check area and return with their vehicle to pick them up. The Claim Check area is located across from the Flea Market Office next to Gate 1. These passes act as a "Claim Check" and will be dated. Pass holders MUST return to the Will Call area via Gate 2 and must pick up their equipment before 6:00 p.m. on the day the pass was issued, except Sunday, pick-up is 3 p.m.
IMPORTANT NOTE: The Dayton Hamvention, Dayton Amateur Radio Association, or any of their volunteers are not responsible for any items/equipment checked that are left over night.

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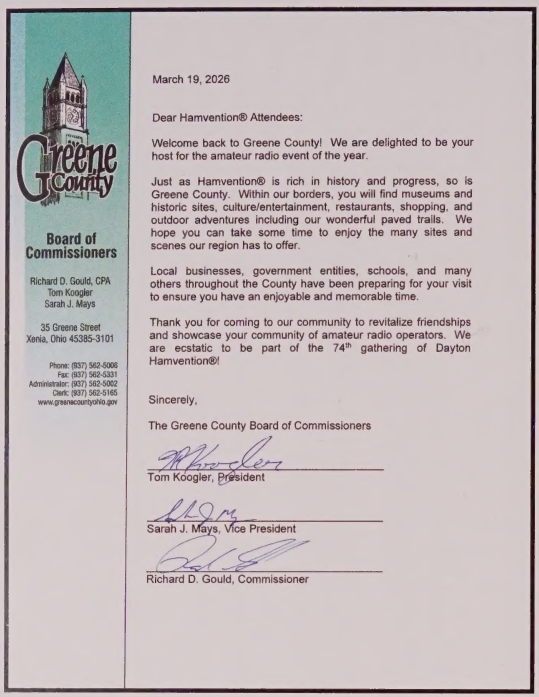

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March 19, 2026

Dear Hamvention® Attendees:

Welcome back to Greene County! We are delighted to be your host for the amateur radio event of the year.

Just as Hamvention® is rich in history and progress, so is Greene County. Within our borders, you will find museums and historic sites, culture/entertainment, restaurants, shopping, and outdoor adventures including our wonderful paved trails. We hope you can take some time to enjoy the many sites and scenes our region has to offer.

Local businesses, government entities, schools, and many others throughout the County have been preparing for your visit to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable time.

Thank you for coming to our community to revitalize friendships and showcase your community of amateur radio operators. We are ecstatic to be part of the 74th gathering of Dayton Hamvention®!

Sincerely,

The Greene County Board of Commissioners

Tom Koogler, President

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Richard D. Gould, Commissioner

EXPO CENTER
GREENE COUNTY

2024 Hamvention

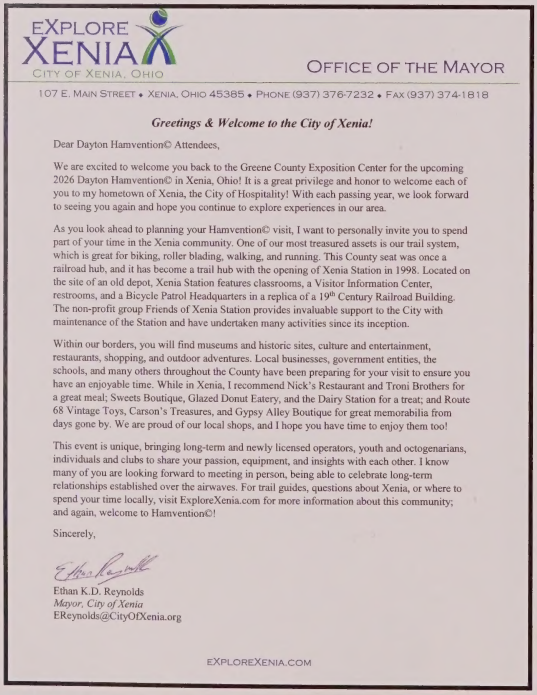
Dear Dayton Hamvention® Attendees,

We are excited to welcome you back to the Greene County Exposition Center for the upcoming 2024 Dayton Hamvention®.
Our team has enjoyed working with the organizers again and are dedicated to providing an excellent experience for all attendees.
As we strive to grow and improve, we want to ensure that our facilities are fully prepared to host thousands of amateur radio enthusiasts from around the world for three memorable days in May.
We want to extend our gratitude for choosing the Greene County Exposition Center as your host facility during the event.
Our continued partnership is something we value greatly and look forward to for years to come.
We hope you have a pleasant and safe visit, and we can't wait to see you soon!

Best regards,

Rodney Keadle

Rodney Keadle
Greene County Exposition Center Manager



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Greetings & Welcome to the City of Xenia!

Dear Dayton Hamvention© Attendees,

We are excited to welcome you back to the Greene County Exposition Center for the upcoming 2026 Dayton Hamvention© in Xenia, Ohio! It is a great privilege and honor to welcome each of you to my hometown of Xenia, the City of Hospitality! With each passing year, we look forward to seeing you again and hope you continue to explore experiences in our area.

As you look ahead to planning your Hamvention© visit, I want to personally invite you to spend part of your time in the Xenia community. One of our most treasured assets is our trail system, which is great for biking, roller blading, walking, and running. This County seat was once a railroad hub, and it has become a trail hub with the opening of Xenia Station in 1998. Located on the site of an old depot, Xenia Station features classrooms, a Visitor Information Center, restrooms, and a Bicycle Patrol Headquarters in a replica of a 19th Century Railroad Building. The non-profit group Friends of Xenia Station provides invaluable support to the City with maintenance of the Station and have undertaken many activities since its inception.

Within our borders, you will find museums and historic sites, culture and entertainment, restaurants, shopping, and outdoor adventures. Local businesses, government entities, the schools, and many others throughout the County have been preparing for your visit to ensure you have an enjoyable time. While in Xenia, I recommend Nick's Restaurant and Troni Brothers for a great meal; Sweets Boutique, Glazed Donut Eatery, and the Dairy Station for a treat; and Route 68 Vintage Toys, Carson's Treasures, and Gypsy Alley Boutique for great memorabilia from days gone by. We are proud of our local shops, and I hope you have time to enjoy them too!

This event is unique, bringing long-term and newly licensed operators, youth and octogenarians, individuals and clubs to share your passion, equipment, and insights with each other. I know many of you are looking forward to meeting in person, being able to celebrate long-term relationships established over the airwaves. For trail guides, questions about Xenia, or where to spend your time locally, visit ExploreXenia.com for more information about this community; and again, welcome to Hamvention©!

Sincerely,

Ethan K.D. Reynolds
Mayor, City of Xenia
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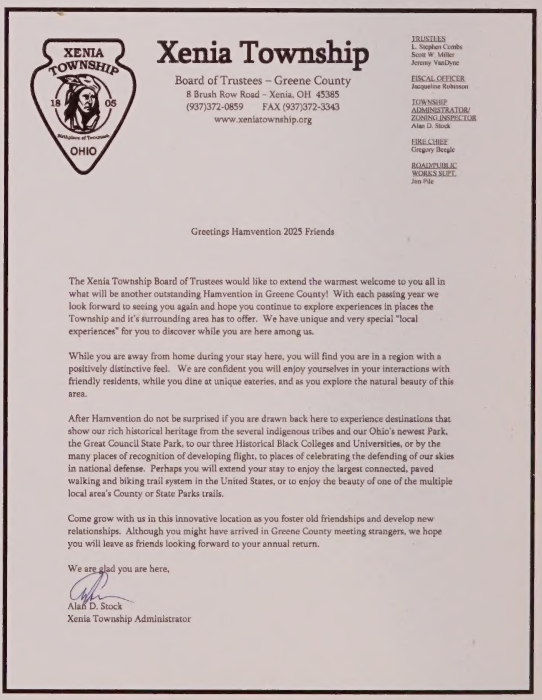

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Greetings Hamvention 2025 Friends

The Xenia Township Board of Trustees would like to extend the warmest welcome to you all in what will be another outstanding Hamvention in Greene County! With each passing year we look forward to seeing you again and hope you continue to explore experiences in places the Township and it's surrounding area has to offer. We have unique and very special "local experiences" for you to discover while you are here among us.

While you are away from home during your stay here, you will find you are in a region with a positively distinctive feel. We are confident you will enjoy yourselves in your interactions with friendly residents, while you dine at unique eateries, and as you explore the natural beauty of this area.

After Hamvention do not be surprised if you are drawn back here to experience destinations that show our rich historical heritage from the several indigenous tribes and our Ohio's newest Park, the Great Council State Park, to our three Historical Black Colleges and Universities, or by the many places of recognition of developing flight, to places of celebrating the defending of our skies in national defense. Perhaps you will extend your stay to enjoy the largest connected, paved walking and biking trail system in the United States, or to enjoy the beauty of one of the multiple local area's County or State Parks trails.

Come grow with us in this innovative location as you foster old friendships and develop new relationships. Although you might have arrived in Greene County meeting strangers, we hope you will leave as friends looking forward to your annual return.

We are glad you are here,

Alan D. Stock
Xenia Township Administrator

Platinum Prize Donor List for 2026

Dx Engineering

Icom products donated by DX Engineering

The Platinum Prize Donor list recognizes donors whose aggregate donations exceeded $15,000. We thank them for their generosity!

Silver Prize Donor List for 2026

SteppIR Communication Systems

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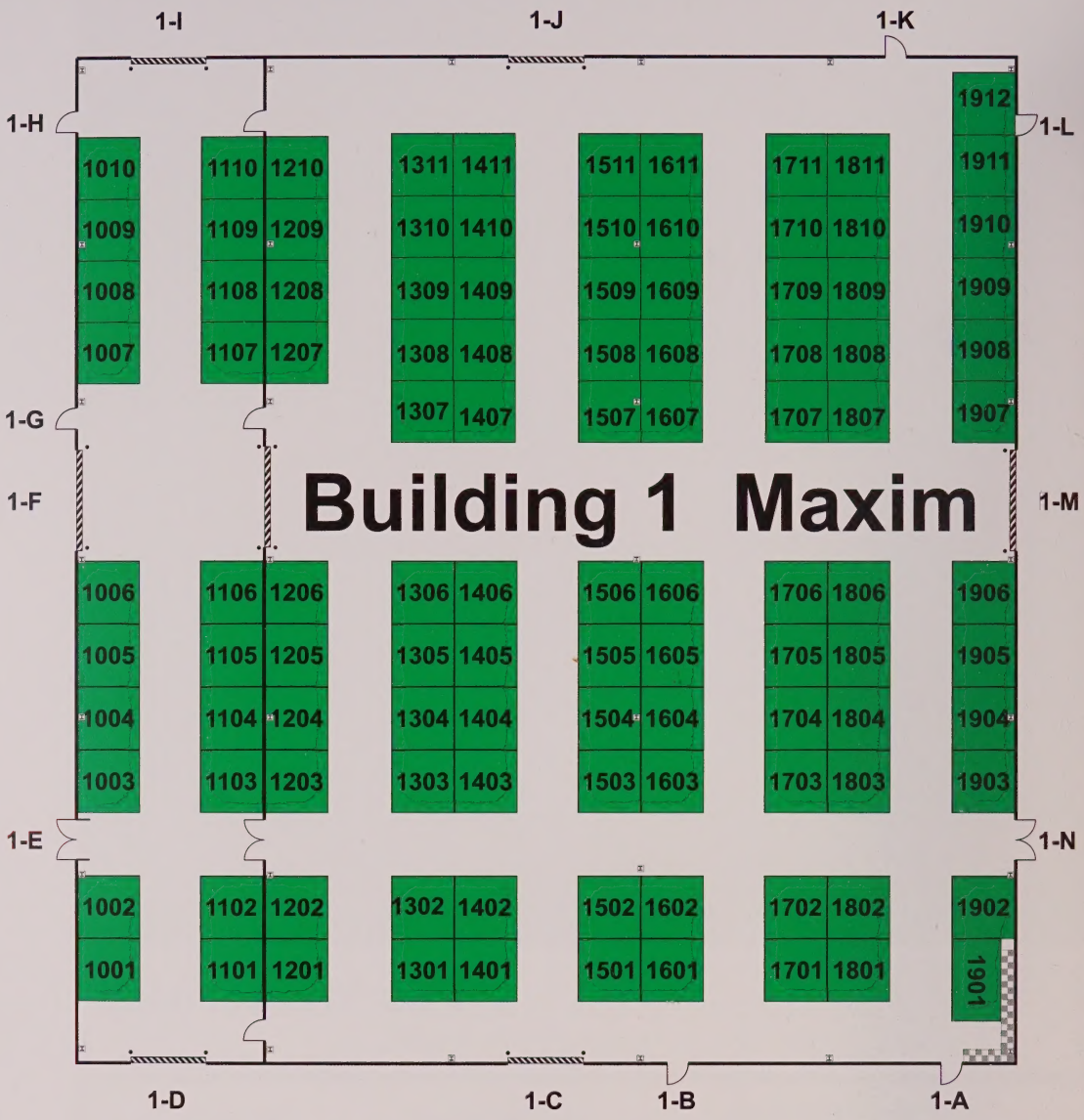

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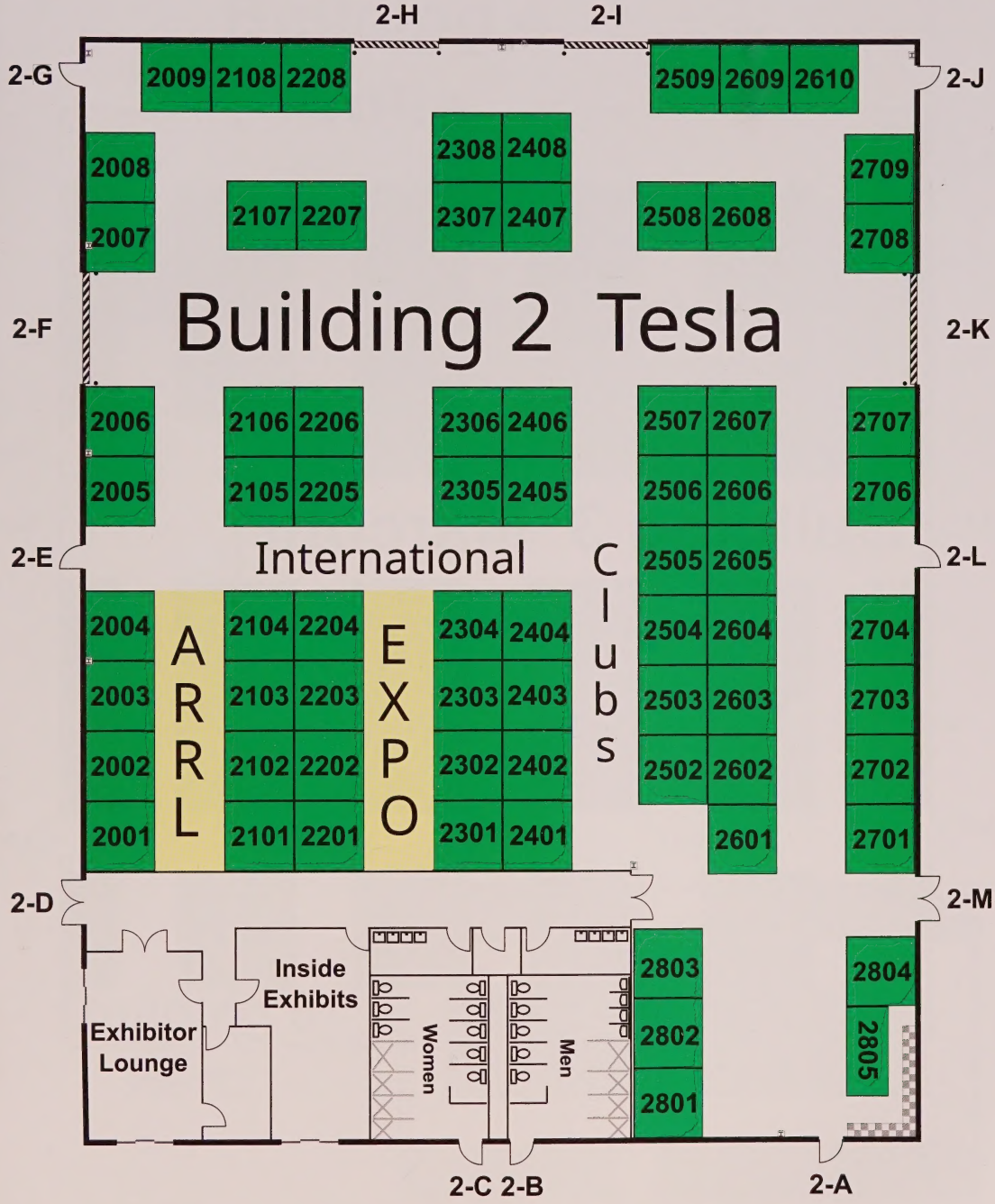
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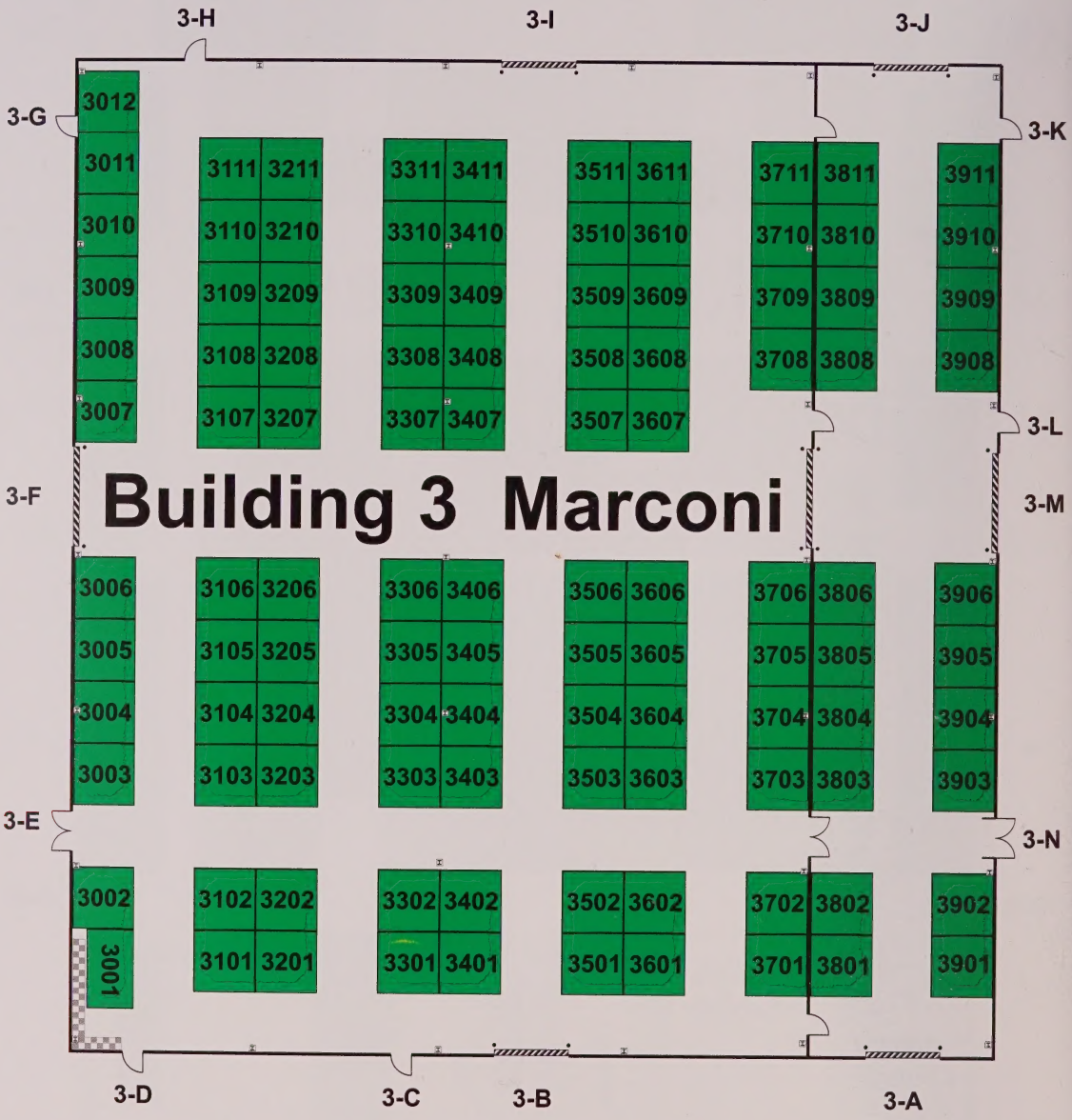

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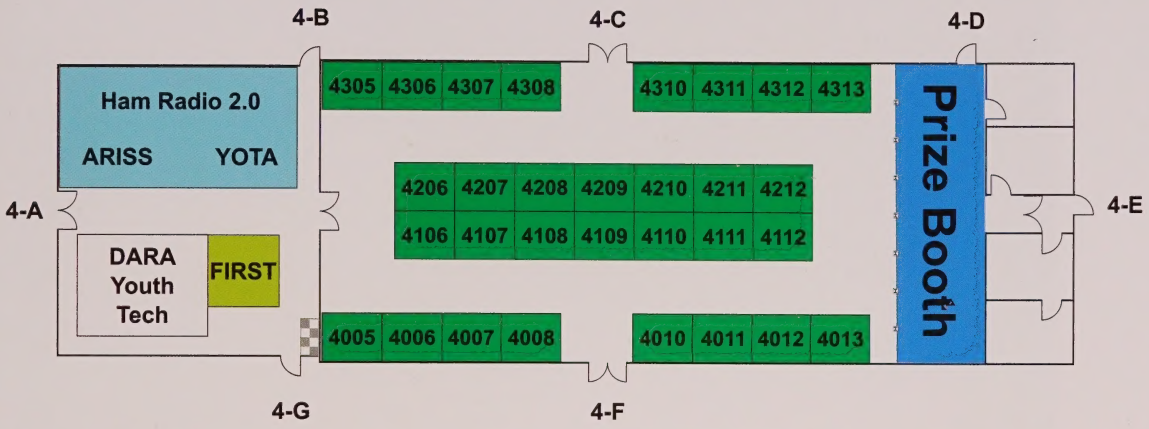

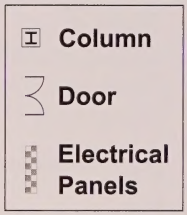

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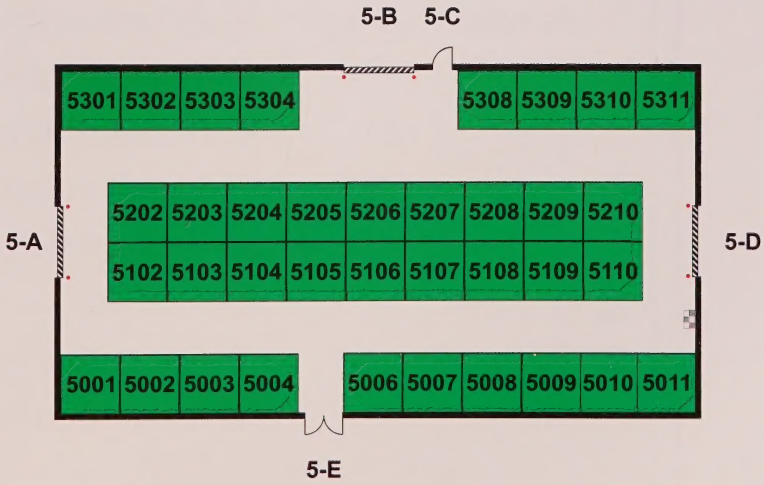

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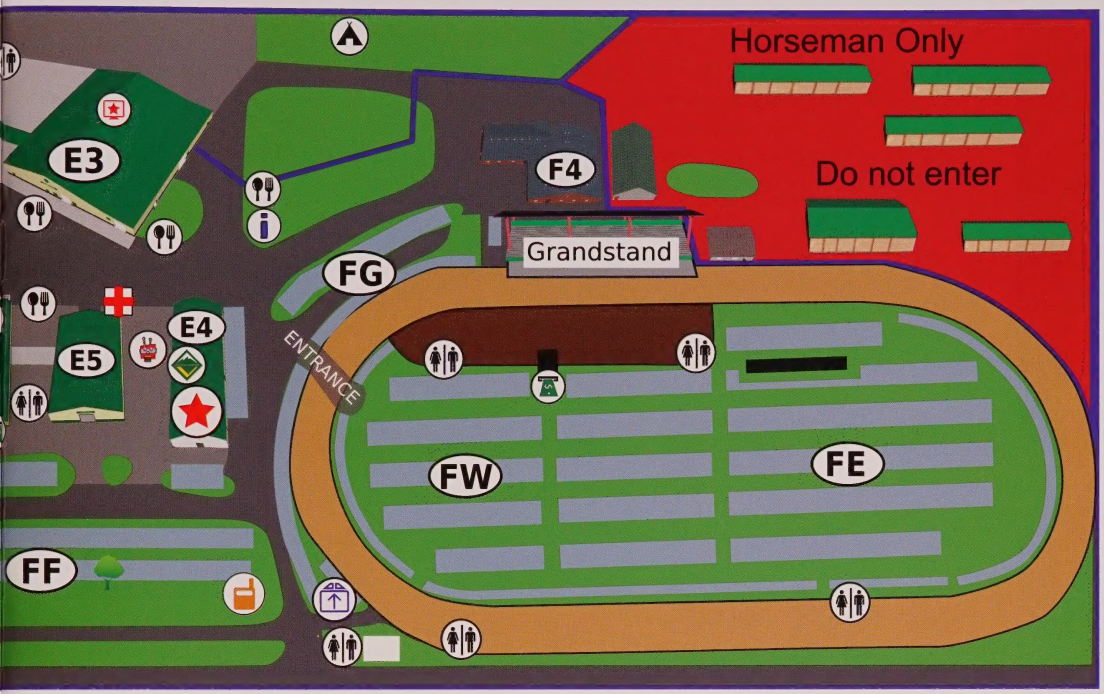

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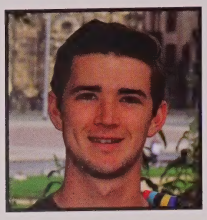
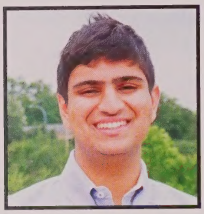


Jesse Adler, N6JCA

Jesse Adler, N6JCA, is from San Diego, CA, and has held a General Class License since 2017. He is attending Purdue University in Indiana studying Engineering. Adler enjoys building and experimenting with equipment, exploring ways to merge amateur radio with other technologies, collecting vintage military morse keys, and relying on ham radio to maintain communication and stay safe while navigating difficult terrain on hikes.

Maxwell Cohen, KC1QGN

Maxwell Cohen, KC1QGN, from Natick, MA, is currently studying Environmental Science at the University of Vermont. Cohen became licensed in 2022 and is a 4th-generation ham radio operator. He sees amateur radio as a vital resource for emergency communication and looks forward to enjoying POTA throughout New England.



Akshay Kapur, K5AKX

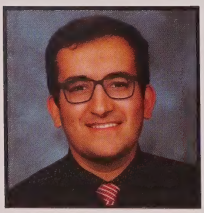
Akshay Kapur, K5AKX, is from Bellaire, TX, and is studying Electrical Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He became licensed in 2020 and holds an Extra Class License. Kapur founded his high school's (Bellaire High School) amateur radio club and belongs to the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club and the MIT Radio Society (W1MX). Through the MIT Beaver Works Program (in partnership with MIT Lincoln Lab), he helps teach an introduction to amateur radio class for high school students.

Sabrina Mol, WS8EMT

Sabrina Mol, WS8EMT, from Zeeland, MI, is studying Emergency Management at Columbia Southern University in Alabama. She holds an Extra Class License and is an active volunteer with the Ottawa County Emergency Communications Team, as well as a member of Holland Radio Club. All of her six siblings, her father, several cousins, and aunts and uncles are amateur radio operators.

Violet Park, KD9YCU

Violet Park, KD9YCU, is studying Creative Writing at Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia. Park is from Fort Wayne, IN, and holds a Technician Class License. After college, she plans to work in the children's entertainment industry, using her writing to encourage girls to pursue careers in STEM fields.



Sepehr Sahraian, N6IRN

Sepehr Sahraian, N6IRN, from Irvine, CA, is studying Software Engineering at the University of California, Irvine. He holds an Extra Class License and has participated in over 200 VE sessions as a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC). Sahraian founded the Irvine Valley College Wireless Technology Club (N6IVC) and serves as President. He successfully secured a grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) to support N6IVC's Amateur Radio Youth Outreach (ARYO) initiative.

The ARRL Foundation will be announcing the 2026 DARA Scholarship recipients in June. The ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program will accept applications beginning in October for students to apply for the 2027 DARA Scholarships along with other scholarships. Please visit http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-program for more information.

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POTA: Preparing for Growth Kevin Thomas W1DED 10:25 - 11:25	Big Event Comms Chris Perry KY4CKP 10:25 - 11:25	Teaching a One Day Tech Class Dan Romanchik KB6NU 10:25 - 11:25	Raspberry Pi Designs - Easy Med & Hard John Wiseman WT3J 10:30- 11:30
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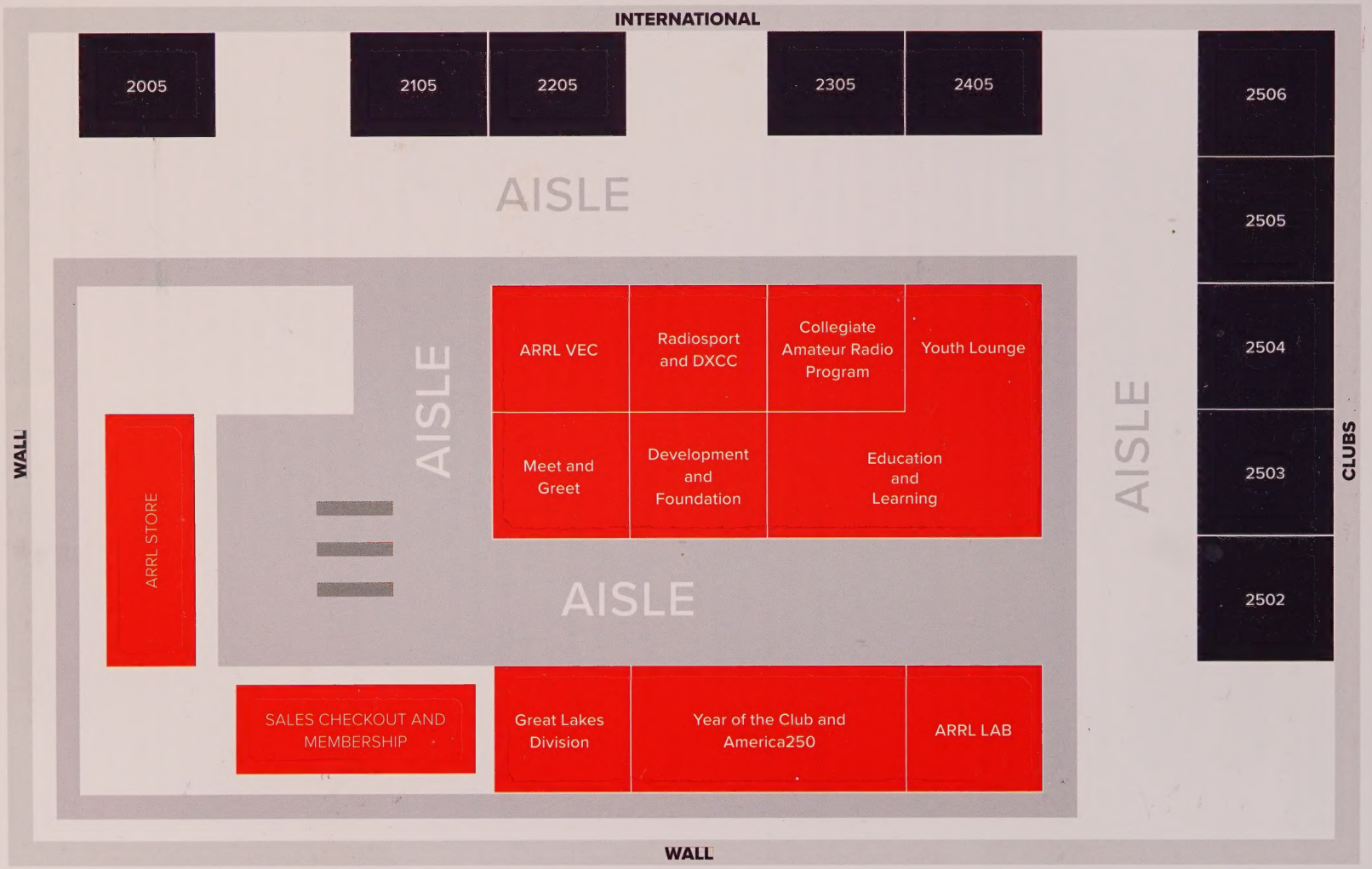


More detailed Forum information is available in the ARRL Events App. Find detailed maps, the vendor list, services, affiliated events, and forums listings on the ARRL Events App and at Hamvention.org.

Friday, May 15th

9:15 - 10:50 **Room 1**

HamSCI: The Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation
Moderator: Dr. Nathan Frissell, W2NAF
HamSCI is an international project to bring together the amateur radio and professional space science communities to advance both science and ham radio. This year, we discuss new results for the Large Scale Traveling Ionospheric Disturbance Project, a version of the Personal Space Weather Station that you can build from scratch, Meteor Scatter QSO Party Results, and an upcoming collaboration with a NASA mission. HamSCI Speakers include Diego Sanchez, KD2RLM, Bob Reif, W1XP, Gary Mikitin, AF8A, David McGaw N1HAC and Kuldeep Pandey.

9:15 - 10:50 **Room 2**

Lightning Protection, Generators and Inverters and RFI
Moderator: Jim Bacher, WB8VSU
Join Moderator Jim Bacher, WB8VSU, and Gary Bishop, NQ0V, for an informative forum dealing with the ins and outs of lightning protection, RFI, and Generator and Inverter information.

9:15 - 10:30 **Room 3**

Updates on the Elecraft K4 Radio and Suite of Upgrades
Moderator: Scott Wright, K0MD
Join Scott Wright, K0MD, Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ, Ed Muns, W0YK, and Bob Wilson, N6TV, to learn the tips and tricks to maximizing K4D performance, including Remote Operation with the K4/0 radio including SO2R operation and operating via Starlink. Learn of the updates on planned improvements to the K4D.

9:20 - 10:30 **Room 4**

TAPR - Topics in Digital Radio
Moderator: Moderated by Dave Larsen, KV0S
Join Dave Larsen, KV0S, Paul Elliot, WB6CXC, and George Byrkit, K9TRV, as they speak on development of a SDR receiver to be used with KA9Q radio software and choosing an antenna for WSPR daemon reception use (N6GN SaS variants vs DXE RSEAV1).

10:40 - 11:50 **Room 3**

Supersonic Heterodynes, Frequency Modulation, Brick Phones, 5G, and Cosmic Radiation; How RCA Members Changed History
Moderated by David Bart, W9DPB
Join Radio Club of America (RCA) President Alan Spindel, AG4WK, and RCA President Emeritus David Bart, W9DPB, for an engaging blend of history and technical exploration, tracing the remarkable contributions of RCA honorees Edwin Armstrong, Marty Cooper, Ted Rappaport, and Robert Wilson; individuals who reshaped radio technology and our understanding of the universe. Door prizes including complimentary club memberships and more.

10:40 - 11:50 **Room 4**

DX Marathon: Record Growth, 2025 Results, and What's Ahead
Moderator: Mark Wohlschlegel, WC3W
Mark Wohlschlegel, WC3W, will delve into the DX Marathon Program as it continues to experience strong global momentum, achieving over 30% year-over-year growth in participation during 2025, marking another year of double-digit expansion. This forum will review the key results and highlights from the 2025 program, including participation trends, geographic reach, and operating achievements around the world.

11:00 - 12:20 **Room 1**

Taking Amateur Radio to New Heights
Moderator: Bill Brown, WB8ELK
Join Moderator Bill Brown, WB8ELK, Tom Graham, WX8TOM, and Andrew Koenig, KE5GDB, to learn of the latest advances in Amateur Radio High Altitude Balloons, free payloads falling from the sky, converting radiosondes to the 70cm band with HORUS telemetry, Wenet image modes and going vertical, amateur radio signals from the sky. A Pico Balloon Launch post forum in food court area.

11:00 - 12:20 **Room 2**

ARRL & Salty Walt's Portable Antenna Forum *Sponsored by ARRL*
Moderator: Walt Hudson, K4OGO
Join "Salty Walt" Hudson, K4OGO, of the popular Coastal Waves and Wires YouTube channel, for a lively, practical look at building portable antennas that really perform. Walt shows how to create simple, effective antennas you can take to a park, beach, or summit, and make contacts. Drawing from his ARRL books, including Salty Walt's Portable Antenna Sketchbook and Salty Walt's NEXT LEVEL Portable Antenna Sketchbook, he shares designs, tips, and real-world insights you can use right away.

12:00 - 12:50 **Room 3**

Radio Club of America and Viavi Test Equipment Tutorial and Workshop
Moderator: Alan Spindel, AG4WK
Co-sponsored by RCA and Viavi, Alan Spindel, AG4WK, and Gordon Beattie W2TTT, bring their expertise in public safety communication to the Dayton Hamvention. Join us for this unique tutorial and workshop covering the test and measurement of amateur radio equipment using professional-grade Viavi service monitor equipment. Attendees will gain insights into radio testing techniques and performance verification, followed by an interactive workshop where radio amateurs are encouraged to bring their handheld equipment for live testing during the forum.

12:00 - 12:50 **Room 4**

Kit Building Techniques for Success
Moderator: Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB
Join Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB, for an informative session dealing with techniques for helping beginners through kit building.

12:30 - 1:50 **Room 1**

SOTA - High Adventure for All
Moderator: Keith Schlottman, KR7RK
SOTA provides an opportunity for hams of all ages and skill levels to experience Radio Adventure at the highest level. Our Speakers Paula Uscain, K9IR, and Dean Blair, K2JB, will share tips and stories about their experiences. Information will be provided about how anyone can enjoy SOTA, how you can combine it with other ham radio programs, how to participate when you don't live in the mountains, special SOTA events such as campouts and annual challenges, and more.

12:30 - 1:50 **Room 2**

Our CW Journeys and How You Can Have One Too: LICW Members Talk Up Close and Personal
Moderator: Howard Bernstein, WB2UZE
Join Howard Bernstein, WB2UZE, and Mike Padron, N1CC, as they speak about their CW journeys and how you can have one too. LICW members talk up close and personal in a candid session where Club members share what it actually looked like to learn Morse code; what worked, what didn't, the plateaus, and the breakthroughs. You'll hear a range of journeys (brand-new learners through confident operators), along with takeaways you can use immediately: how to start (or restart) the right way, how to practice without burning out, how to handle missed characters and keep flowing, how sending and receiving reinforce each other, and how a supportive community accelerates progress. If CW feels intimidating, this talk is designed to make it feel achievable and to leave you with a clear path to begin your own journey, wherever you are today!

1:00 - 2:20 **Room 3**

System Fusion
Moderator: Mark Thompson, WB9QZB
Join Mark Thompson, WB9QZB, and John Kruk, N9UPC, National Sales Manager of Yaesu USA as they discuss the History of WiRES-X Networking for System Fusion and the new WiRES-X version 2.0 software.

1:00 - 2:20 **Room 4**

RTTY & Digital Contesting
Moderator: Ed Muns, W0YK
Join moderator Ed Muns, W0YK, of RTTY and Tim Shoppa, N3QE, for a discussion delving into competing in the single-operator multi-transmitter category. Specifics include automating digital contesting and tips for improving RTTY/digital contest log checking.

2:00 - 5:00 **Room 1**

Antenna Forum
Moderator: Tim Duffy, K3LR
Join Moderator Tim Duffy, K3LR, and Speakers Hal Kennedy, N4GG, Greg Ordy, W8WWV, John Vogel, N1PGA, and Lee Barrett, K7NM, for a discussion on antennas. Specific topics include "Investigating the End Fed Half Wave (EFHW) Antenna & What Makes a Good RF Connector", "The Yagi Turns 100", "Effective Antennas Without Towers", and "The C-Match Method of Phasing Vertical Antennas."

2:00 - 2:50 **Room 2**

FreeDV's RadioAutoencoDEr (RADE) HF Digital Voice
Moderator: Mel Whitten, K0PFX
Join Mel Whitten, K0PFX, as he moderates the HF Digital Voice Forum. Walter Holmes, K5WH, will describe how RADE meets the challenges of HF propagation by providing Noise Free Communications with Clear Speech Quality. JJ Boyd's KG4VCF "Getting on the Air with FreeDV" will present a Quick Guide for Setting Up Great Audio and Smooth Digital Voice.

2:30 - 3:20 **Room 3**

Amateur Radio & the Law
Moderator: Fred Hopengarten, K1VR
Join Fred Hopengarten, Esq. K1VR of AntennaZoning.com, Bob Famiglio, Esq. K3RF and John Robert Stratton, Esq. N5AUS for a discussion on current legal events affecting amateur radio.

2:30 - 3:20 **Room 4**

Hackers in Amateur Radio
Moderator: Jeremy Hong, KD8TUO
Join Jeremy Hong, KD8TUO, Ed Wilson, N2XDD, Arsenio Menendez, KN4OIH, Terry Schanno, NV0O, and Brian Raker, W4WWW, explore the overlap and coexistence of the amateur radio and hacker communities, and how each has influenced the other. We will discuss how modern tools and platforms like Software Defined Radio (SDR) and Meshtastic are enabling new experimentation, rapid prototyping, and open source collaboration in Amateur Radio. We will also highlight how hacker spaces and conferences are becoming major entry points into the hobby. Attendees can expect practical examples, community perspectives, and ideas for welcoming and collaborating across both worlds.

3:00 - 3:50 **Room 2**

Andy's Ham Radio Linux
Moderator: Andy Stewart, KB1OIQ
Join moderator Andy Stewart, KB1OIQ, who has created a popular software collection called "Andy's Ham Radio Linux", which contains over 80 Free Software/ Open Source programs for ham radio and Linux. Andy's talk will cover the computer requirements, supported flavors of Linux, and a high level overview of some of the available programs.

3:30 -5:00 **Room 3**

The Latest from ARDC: Grants and 44Net
Moderator: Rosy Schechter, KJ7RYV
Rosy Schechter, KJ7RYV, and John Burwell, KI5QKX, will let you know what ARDC has been up to and some new ways to get involved. We'll cover updates on ARDC's grantmaking activities, including its priority areas for funding and examples of projects supporting experimentation, education, and open technology in amateur radio and digital communications. They will also cover recent 44Net and related technology developments, including 44Net Connect – a newly released system and the easiest way to get started with 44Net using modern networking tools.

3:30 - 5:00 **Room 4**

Women Building Community Through Amateur Radio
Moderator: Anne Manna, WB1ARU
The Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL) is pleased to present an interactive forum for all women attending Hamvention, whether licensed or not. Moderator Anne Manna, WB1ARU, and Diane Ortiz, K2DO, President of YLRL, will have presentations that encourage women in building community through the adventure of amateur radio. There will also be time for networking and meeting other YLs.

4:00 - 5:00 **Room 2**

Arduino and Microcontrollers - Going The Distance
Moderator: Glen Popiel, KW5GP
Join Glen Popiel, KW5GP, and discover how to add remote control to your microcontroller projects. Learn about the various RF modes and methods available to microcontrollers, including Bluetooth, Bluetooth LE, LoRa, Wi-Fi, and mesh networking. Learn the features and advantages of each, and how to choose between them to create your own remote control projects.

9:15 - 10:05 **Room 1**

Ham Nation and Friends
Moderator: Josh Nass, KI6NAZ
Join Josh Nass, KI6NAZ, the HamNation crew and friends of the program as they bring HamNation live to Hamvention.

9:15 - 10:20 **Room 2**

Logging Portable Operations on your Phone
Moderator: Sebastian Delmont, KI2D
Join Moderator Sebastian Delmont, KI2D, of Ham2K and explore the pros and cons of logging on a handheld device. Learn how to use Ham2K Portable Logger to have the best portable operation experience possible. This is an important forum if you have considered operating Portable, doing Parks on The Air, or Summits, or Bunkers, or Castles, or Lakes.

9:15 - 10:50 **Room 3**

Radio Club of America - Youth Forum
Moderator: Jim Storms, AB8YK
Join Moderator Jim Storms, AB8YK, and some impressive young hams. Webelos Scout Adam Grubb, KF8EKW, is currently building a 70cm EME station for his school science project. Carsten Glasbrenner's, KQ4SJM, main interests are satellites and DIY projects, such as home brew antennas and simple soldering kits. Haley Pendell, KE2EVX, is active operating POTA, contesting with her radio club friends, and participating in nets, serving as net control for her local 2m net on Saturdays, and building DIY antennas. Maggie Dill, KR4FTN, is active in POTA activations and hosting nets on the local repeaters on her own. She has participated in Field Days and state QSO parties as an operator for local Charlotte club, W4BFB, of which she is a member. She is sharpening her CW skills and can send/receive up to 25 WPM at the moment, and enjoys activating parks in CW. Also joining as panelists are Anderson Ray, K4RAY, and Violetta Latham, KN2P.

9:20 - 10:50 **Room 4**

Securing the Airwaves: Cybersecurity for Radio and Beyond
Moderator: Brian Kowal, K1FFO
Brian Kowal, K1FFO, from Ohio Cyber Reserve will educate amateur radio operators, engineers, technology enthusiasts, and youth on how cybersecurity and communications intersect. This forum emphasizes threats and defenses related to radio systems, digital modes, and critical infrastructure, while inspiring the next generation of cybersecurity professionals and community responders.

10:15-11:10 **Room 1**

The 3Y0K Bouvet DXpedition
Moderator: Brian Bathe, AD8FD
Returning to Bouvet after 3Y0J was something we felt the DX community deserved. In 2023, operators were forced to swim to the island with minimal gear, drastically limiting the activation. For 3Y0K, the team planned a full-scale effort to land safely with the radios, antennas, and amplifiers needed to put strong signals on the air and hear callers across the globe. Dennis Ward, KT8X, and Bob Ronk, W9AP, share the behind-the-scenes preparation, the challenges of mounting a second attempt on one of the world's most remote islands, and how the team overcame logistics, weather, and equipment constraints. This presentation highlights what changed, what worked, and what it took to bring Bouvet back to life for DXers everywhere.

10:30 - 12:00 **Room 2**

Parks on the Air: The Board Reports on the Past Year and the Year Ahead
Moderator: Kevin Thomas, W1DED
Join Moderator Kevin Thomas, W1DED, Mark Torigian, K8MST, Mike Case, W8MSC, Rick Parent, W0ZAP, John Ford, AB0O, Thom Martin, W8TAM, and Tom Suggs, N4MTE, as they discuss Parks on the Air's year of extraordinary expansion, now approaching 50 million QSOs, more than 84,000 registered operators, over 85,000 parks, and activity spanning 236 DX entities worldwide. In this session, the POTA Board of Directors will present a comprehensive review of the past year's progress. The Board will examine key participation trends, explain how growth is shaping strategic decisions, and discuss the increasing intersection of POTA with DXpeditions, contesting, and rapid growth international operating activity. Looking ahead, the Board will outline its priorities for the coming year and the initiatives intended to support the program's continued evolution. Bring your questions!

11:00 - 11:50 **Room 3**

ARRL Membership Forum
Moderator: Scott Yonally, N8SY
Join Moderator ARRL Director Great Lakes Division Scott Yonally, N8SY, ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, and ARRL CEO David A. Minster, NA2AA and learn what's next for ARRL—and for you as an active radio amateur. Gather with ARRL leaders for a look at how the organization is working to promote, protect, and grow amateur radio. Hear updates on outreach to students and educators, the momentum behind the Year of the Club, ARRL's partnership with America 250, and the latest legislative advocacy shaping your operating future. Director Scott Yonally will share a Great Lakes Division update. Whether you're a long-time member or just getting started, you're invited to bring your curiosity and interest to help ARRL advance amateur radio across the country – and around the world. Sponsored by ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®

11:00 - 11:50 **Room 4**

Fast Scan Amateur Television Forum
Moderator: Art Towslee, WA8RMC
Join Art Towslee, WA8RMC, Darco Banko, OE7DBH, Joel Wilhite, KD6W, Mike Collis, WA6SVT/VP6MC, and Dave Pelaez, AH2AR, for a discussion on Ham digital TV equipment and DATV transmitters. There will be a follow up on last year's discussion of digital ATV and information about DATV repeater concepts. The speakers will cover a range of different DATV coding/modulation techniques and repeater concepts, DVB-T2 installation on Pitcairn Island, as well as some interesting activities on the island. EXCELLENT DX will also be discussed.

11:15 - 12:10 **Room 1**

Desecheo 2026 DXpedition: First All Solar Powered Unattended DXpedition
Moderator: Brian Bathe, AD8FD
Join Otis Vicens, NP4G, and Ez Prado, HI3R/NK4DX, as they tell the story of bringing KP5 back on the air using a fully remote, solar-powered DXpedition platform. Operating for more than 40 days and logging over 100,000 QSOs, the team relied on Remote Digital Units engineered for continuous, unattended operation on Desecheo Island. The speakers will outline the permitting, planning, logistics, and engineering behind this groundbreaking activation. Attendees will also hear the personal side of the operation - teamwork across time zones, adapting to weather and solar conditions, and maintaining family life while running a world-class DXpedition remotely.

12:00 - 12:50 **Room 3**

Reinventing Ham Radio Education - A New Model
Moderator: Michael Burnette, AF7KB
Join the author of the Fast Track series of license courses, Michael Burnette, AF7KB, as he brings the experiential learning model to ham radio in a fully realized program including how to advertise your classes, how to prepare the students, and a series of practical exercises to get them past the barriers that stand between "I got my license!" and "I'm a ham radio operator!" Michael even offers a slide deck and training manual for a complete Technician Class training that fits into a weekend. He will even offer ideas on how to present the entire program via Zoom, including the practical exercises.

12:00 - 1:50 **Room 4**

VHF/UHF/Microwave Forum
Moderator: Tony Emanuele, K8ZR
Join Tony Emanuele, K8ZR, Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA, Rus Healy, K2UA, and Jay Baack, N1AV as they delve into Cycle 25 and 6-Meters, EME Station Improvements and updates on VHF/UHF/Microwave Contesting.

12:10 - 1:00 **Room 2**

Reimagining RACES and ARES Programs, Bridging Emergency Management
Moderator: Michael Stitley, KE2CIE
Join Michael Stitley, KE2CIE, and Jamie Arnold, W2GPR, of the Tompkins County, NY, Department of Emergency Response, Office of Emergency Management as they present a practical framework for revitalizing emergency communications through stronger relationships, strategic collaboration, and program development. Through a Tompkins County, NY, case study, attendees will learn proven approaches for stakeholder buy-in, targeted recruitment and retention, grant leveraging, equipment readiness, activation protocols, and ongoing engagement (Bluesky Days). Michael's goal is to equip Emergency Managers and RACES/ARES leaders with actionable strategies to build sustainable, effective, and networked emergency communications programs.

12:15 - 1:20 **Room 1**

Failures & Lessons Learned from DXing in Adverse Conditions
Moderator: Brian Bathe, AD8FD
Brian Bathe, AD8FD, and Paul Ewing, N6PSE, share that not every DXpedition goes as planned, and those experiences often teach us the most. Paul shares a candid look at operations affected by weather, equipment failures, logistics, and human factors. This session examines what went wrong, why it happened, and how teams recover when conditions turn against them. Attendees will leave with practical insights for planning future activations, mitigating risks, and turning setbacks into hard-earned expertise.

1:00 - 1:50 **Room 3**

The MFJ Story
Moderator: Preston Booth
Filmmaker Preston Booth discusses his documentary about Martin F. Jue and MFJ Enterprises through interviews, archival footage, and behind-the-scenes access. Martin F. Jue, K5FLU, founded MFJ Enterprises and helped shape modern amateur radio. This talk explores his life, his work, and the people who built MFJ alongside him: preserving an American story of ingenuity, labor, and community.

1:00 - 4:00 **Room 4**

ARRL Youth Rally Activities
Moderator: Steve Goodgame, K5ATA
Young hams – this is your rally at Hamvention! Connect with others your age and

jump into hands-on amateur radio activities, from foxhunting and pico balloon launches to making a contact with a parachute mobile station. It's an afternoon of learning, experimenting, and having fun on the air and in the field. Bring a 2-meter handheld radio if you have one. This session is limited to students ages 11 – 21. Pre-registration is recommended at www.arrl.org/expo. The Youth Rally is sponsored by ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®. Moderated by Steve Goodgame K5ATA, ARRL Director of Education and Learning.

1:10 - 2:20 **Room 2**

ARISS: Celebrating 25 Years on ISS and Pioneering New Spaceflight Opportunities for Hams and Youth
Moderators: Frank Bauer, KA3HDO and Rosalie White, K1STO
ARISS celebrates 25 years of continuous operations on the International Space Station (ISS) this year. Come learn about our past accomplishments on ISS and hear about our exciting, new, lifelong learning initiatives in store for youth and hams from Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, Rosalie White, K1STO, Jackie Blumer, KC9LEH, Jim Reed, N4BFR, and Astronaut John Schoffner, KO4MJC. Learn about our pioneering efforts to secure human spaceflight ham radio opportunities on future space stations in Low Earth Orbit after ISS retires in 2032, and missions in Lunar orbit and/or on the Lunar surface. Expect some surprise guests and new announcements.

1:30 - 3:40 **Room 1**

Contest Forum
Moderator: Doug Grant, K1DG
Join Doug Grant, K1DG, Mark Haynes, M0DXR, Tim Duffy, K3LR, Jim Idelson, K1IR, Rudy Bakalov, N2WQ, Valery Zhitkovich, EW6W/CQ9A, and Bill Fehring, W9KKN, Victor Androsov, VA2WA and Craig Thompson, K9CT for many interesting subsets of contesting. Forum includes a talk on a WRTC2026, an update on WWROF - The Contest Foundation - integrating propagation information with Cluster spots, contesting as a way of life, and the RTC Contest: The New Era of Contesting.

2:00 - 2:50 **Room 4**

Running a First Class Field Day Operation
Moderator: Mitch Stern, W1SJ
ARRL has designated 2026 as the Year of The Club. Each June, many clubs and groups take part in Field Day. Field Day runs the gamut from large scale operations to other operations where the dinner menu is of primary importance. Setting up a Field Day operation to serve the interests of a multitude of participants is particularly tricky. In this presentation, Mitch Stern W1SJ will discuss the W1NVT Field Day operation, a fairly small two transmitter effort in Vermont which produces consistent winning results. Forum details will include organizational planning, antennas, equipment, housing, safety, and other concerns. Attend the forum and learn how to bring your Field Day game up to new levels!

2:30 - 3:40 **Room 2**

AMSAT
Moderator: Drew Glasbrenner, KO4MA
Drew Glasbrenner, KO4MA, AMSAT President, will highlight recent activities and discuss some of our challenges, accomplishments, projects, and late breaking news. Jerry Buxton, N0JY, AMSAT Vice President for Engineering, will talk about the current and upcoming satellite missions. Alan Johnston, KU2Y, AMSAT Vice President for Education Relations, will talk about the AMSAT CubeSat Simulator. Carsten Glasbrenner, KQ4SJM, and Mark Hammond, N8MH, AMSAT Vice President

Operations, will discuss current satellites and operations. Frank Karnauskas, N1UW, Vice President of AMSAT Development, will report on the AMSAT Youth Initiative.

3:00 - 3:50 **Room 3**

Introduction to Operating on the 630 Meter Band
Moderator: Paul Dobosz, K8PD
Ever since the 630-meter band was opened to US amateur use in March 2017, obstacles in transmitting and receiving have kept many hams from operating on this medium-wave band. Paul Dobosz, K8PD, discusses ways to overcome those obstacles and successfully operate on 630 meters. It is actually easy to overcome the lack of commercial equipment and get on the band. The objective of the forum is to introduce the band, review the basic steps to get on the band, and share how commercially available transceivers can be easily modified to operate legally on 630 meters.

3:50-5:00 **Room 1**

The TinySA: The Perfect Companion to the NanoVNA
Moderator: Eric Nichols, KL7AJ
Join Eric Nichols, KL7AJ, and learn how excellent low-cost test equipment has changed Amateur Radio. Most hams are now familiar with the NanoVNA Vector Network Analyzer and its kin, but are less familiar with the similar TinySA spectrum analyzer. The TinySA is a marvel of engineering at about one percent of the cost of available equivalent equipment just a couple of decades ago. We will explore some of the hidden "nooks and crannies" of the TinySA to reveal its amazing capabilities. No ham should be without one.

4:10-5:00 **Room 3**

Remote HF
Moderator: Michael Walker, VA3MW
Join Michael Walker, VA3MW, and George Zafiropoulos, KJ6VU, as they take the stage to talk remote ham radio operation. Whether you're just getting started or looking to upgrade your current setup, these two operators bring real-world ideas and practical solutions to the table. Michael Walker, VA3MW, an Ontario-based ham who has been licensed since 1974, is a well-known voice in the SDR community who currently works with FlexRadio Systems. Mike is a co-host on the popular Ham Radio Workbench Podcast, where he covers everything from networking and remote operation to the latest advances in software-defined radio. George Zafiropoulos, KJ6VU, has been a licensed ham since 1972, bringing decades of hands-on experience in home brewing, QRP, repeater building, and HF operation. He is the designer of the Sierra Radio Systems repeater control systems and the PackTenna line of portable antennas, and is the host of the widely followed Ham Radio Workbench Podcast.

4:00 - 5:00 **Room 3**

Predicting Six Meters Openings - You Must Be Present to Win
Moderator: Bruce Smith, AC4G
Join Bruce Smith, AC4G, of the North Alabama DX Club and learn about a formula Bruce came up with after years of observation to predict 6m Sporadic-E openings from his QTH in Grid: EM65 in southern, middle Tennessee. These findings produce positive results most of the time for the hams in Northern Alabama.

4:00 - 5:00 **Room 4**

ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Meetup
Moderator: Tony Milluzzi, KD8RTT
Since its launch in 2017, the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Program (CARP) has

been growing our community of participating students and ham radio clubs at colleges and universities. Meet others who share your interests, exchange ideas, and help shape the future of amateur radio on campus. We're (re)inspiring ham radio among our nation's colleges and universities, meeting other students, and developing career connections. Students, alumni, and faculty are all welcome! The ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Program is sponsored in part by the W1YSM Snyder Family Collegiate & ARRL Affiliated Club Endowment Fund. This forum is moderated by Tony Milluzzi, KD8RTT, Advisor, ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative. Speakers include Andy Milluzzi, KK4LWR, Advisor, ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative; Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, Staff Liaison, ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative; and Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, Staff Liaison, ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative.

Sunday, May 17th

9:15 - 10:15 **Room 1**

POTA Hacks: Little Things Add Up to Big Success
Moderator: Michael Martens, KB9VBR
Over years of portable ham radio operation, we've all collected little tips and tricks that make life easier. Michael Martens, KB9VBR, will share some of his favorite Parks on the Air operating tips or hacks and engage the audience for theirs.

9:15 - 10:15 **Room 2**

Ten Meters for Techs - Guide to Getting on HF for Newer Hams
Moderator: Anthony Luscre, K8ZT
Join Anthony Luscre, K8ZT, for a forum for newly licensed Technicians and Hams of all license classes who have not explored HF operations. This forum will cover the basics in an easy to understand style. We will also provide numerous reference resources for you to utilize after the session. Many newly licensed Technicians limit their operations to FM, VHF, and UHF. Typically, using the local 2m or 440 cm repeaters. Unfortunately, they are missing out on opportunities for worldwide communications on the HF (High Frequency) bands. Ten meters can be rather fickle, depending on the sunspot cycle, with limited availability during its low points. The good news is that this is not the current situation. Having recently peaked the 11-year cycle, it should continue to provide numerous opportunities for worldwide contacts. But time is limited; in two to three years, we will return to very infrequent and limited 10 meter openings. So the time to get on HF via 10 meters is NOW!

9:15 - 10:15 **Room 3**

Building a Radio Scouting Committee Lessons Learned
Moderator: Shawn Grubb, KE8BBC
Join Shawn Grubb, KE8BBC, of the Dan Beard Council, Scouting America, and explore how to build and sustain a successful Radio Scouting Committee, an initiative that supports the mission of Scouting America to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. This forum offers practical steps for launching a committee, including recruiting volunteers, partnering with local radio clubs, running engaging activities, and working in alignment with council and unit goals. Drawing on lessons learned from real programs, the session covers both successes and setbacks, highlighting ways amateur radio can strengthen character, citizenship, leadership, and personal fitness in Scouting. Attendees will take away actionable ideas for integrating

amateur radio into Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and STEM programs—helping more youth experience adventure and growth, in line with Scouting America's vision.

9:20 - 10:20 **Room 4**

A Mathematical Proof of How Antenna Tuners Actually Work
Moderator: WIlliam 'Corey' Brown, WB0RXQ
In this forum Corey Brown, WB0RXQ, will examine exactly how antenna tuners work. From simple 1/4 wave matching networks to complicated lumped circuit tuner designs, this forum will dive into the realities of signal reflections and re-reflections and will provide a mathematical proof of exactly how an antenna tuner actually presents a 50 ohm load to your station's transceiver.

10:25 - 11:25 **Room 1**

Parks on the Air 2.0: Preparing for the Next Phase of Growth
Moderator: Kevin Thomas, W1DED
Together, Kevin Thomas, W1DED, and Mike Case, W8MSC, will outline the key improvements in POTA 2.0 and discuss how this next phase of development positions Parks on the Air for sustained global growth and the next generation of amateur radio operators. Over the past year, POTA Developer Lead and Enterprise Architect, James Linden, VE3JLN, has led the development of a comprehensive new version of POTA.app. Building on that legacy, POTA 2.0 introduces a modernized, technical framework with improved performance, enhanced data handling, and infrastructure designed for long-term scalability. While preserving the simplicity and accessibility valued by activators and hunters, the new platform significantly strengthens reliability, transparency, and operational resilience behind the scenes.

10:25 - 11:25 **Room 2**

Big Event Comms: Ham Radio To The Rescue!
Moderator: Chris Perry, KY4CKP
Join Chris Perry, KY4CKP, Brian Perry, KY4BDP, and Mike McRoberts, KY6MM, to learn about Big Event Comms. Rally races all over the world need emergency communications and many times take place outside of cell phone range. Amateur radio fills the void for many races. LCARA was contacted to see if we could (and were interested in providing comms for a new local race. We said YES! There are all kinds of opportunities for radio clubs to use their gear and experience to solve real world problems and be better prepared when disaster strikes.

10:25 - 11:25 **Room 3**

Teaching a One-Day Tech Class
Moderator: Dan Romanchik, KB6NU
Join Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, of ARROW, and learn why is it important to teach ham radio classes. He will address why it is better to teach a one-day class instead of a traditional multi-session class, where can you hold the class, publicizing the class, possible fees, timing, teaching techniques, and student follow-up.

10:30 - 11:30 **Room 4**

Raspberry Pi Designs - Easy, Medium, & Hard
Moderator: John Wiseman, WT3J
Join John Wiseman, WT3J, for an in depth examination of The Raspberry Pi series of single-board microcomputers, which offers the radio amateur the ability to easily design and implement sophisticated high-level shack functions on a very low cost platform. This forum will demonstrate some of the capabilities of the Raspberry Pi by describing a trio of Raspberry Pi Microcomputer-Based Amateur Radio Designs -

Easy, Medium, & Hard - each with very different applications.

11:35 - 12:35 **Room 1**

CWops and CW Academy: The Proven Path to CW Mastery
Moderator: Bob Carter, WR7Q
Join Moderator Bob Carter, WR7Q, of the CW Academy as he highlights the history of Morse Code and CWops' CW Academy program, which has helped thousands of operators successfully learn and advance their CW skills through a proven, structured mentoring approach, that has an exceptionally high success rate. Whether you are new to CW, returning after years away, or seeking to elevate your operating proficiency, this session will demonstrate why CW and CWops continues to be relevant and valuable for the Amateur Radio Community. CW is experiencing a global resurgence, driven in part by the explosive growth of programs such as POTA and SOTA. The mode provides efficiency, reliability and performance especially for portable, low-power, and compromise antenna stations. CWops stands at the center of this momentum with a vibrant international community dedicated to advancing CW operating skills, mentoring and on-air excellence.

11:35 - 12:35 **Room 2**

3D Printing And Portable Operations - Lighter, Faster, Further
Moderator: Richard Rieben, KE4WLE
Why settle for generic, off-the-shelf equipment when you can produce custom solutions right on your workbench? Richard Rieben, KE4WLE, explores the intersection of the "home-brew" amateur radio spirit and modern additive manufacturing. Richard will begin by demystifying the technology, covering everything from the basic mechanics of FDM printers to selecting the right filaments - like UV-resistant ASA or rugged PETG - that can actually survive the rigors of field use. We will cover the usefulness of 3D printing for portable operations such as POTA and SOTA, where weight and organization are everything. See how 3D printing can revolutionize your portable kit with ultra-lightweight wire winders, antenna components, cases and enclosures, and specialized power solutions. You will leave with a clear roadmap of how 3D printing can become the most versatile tool in your amateur radio arsenal.

11:35 - 12:35 **Room 3**

A Modern Overview of HF Digi-Modes Operation
Moderator: Sholto Fisher, K7TMG
Join Moderator Sholto Fisher, K7TMG, of West Mountain Radio for an introduction to the world of digital mode operation on HF. Learn about what people are actually doing on HF with digital modes in 2026 - not just FT8! The talk will feature the sights (and sounds) of signals you're likely to encounter on the HF bands today.

11:40 - 12:40 **Room 4**

Countrywide Black Swan Events
Moderator: Don Rolph, AB1PH
Join Don Rolph, AB1PH, for information on how the NTS digital team has been reviewing approaches for amateur radio to provide support using a severe countrywide Black Swan events. Black Swan events are when both electricity and communications (including internet and satellites) are down for 12 hours or more. The example case is the Spanish outage in April 2025 where electricity and all communications were effectively down for 12 hours, but there are a variety of posited potential causes (CME for one).

Award Winners

The Hamvention Awards committee is pleased to announce the winners of the Hamvention 2026 awards. Amateurs have been honored by Hamvention for their dedication and contribution to ham radio since 1955. Please join Hamvention in publicly honoring the recipients on Sunday afternoon prior to the final prize award activity.

Club of the Year Long Island CW Club

LONG ISLAND CW CLUB

LICW

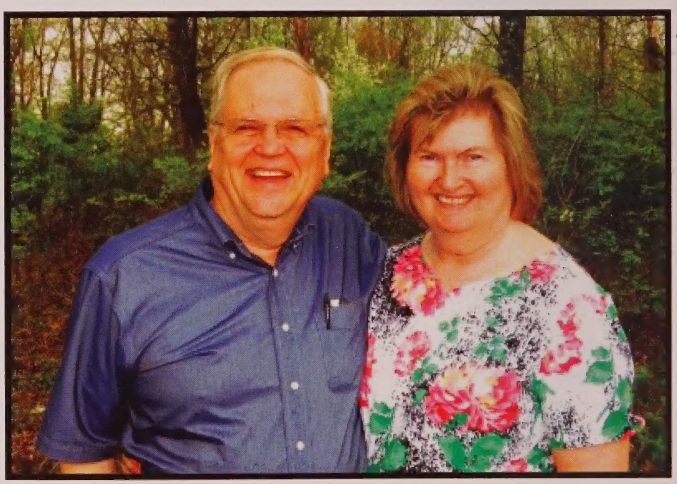
Teachers of Morse Code

Long Island CW Club (LICW) is an online Morse code training community built to help everyday hams become confident and proficient CW operators. They combine high standards with a welcoming culture: teach real operating skills, treat people with respect, and keep learning for fun. LICW offers structured classes from beginner through advanced, a wide range of topical forums, and practice resources that help students move from "copying characters" to true conversational flow. Their instructors are volunteers who remember what it felt like to be new, and who coach students through plateaus with clear, effective teaching methods, encouragement, and accountability. LICW is also proud to be a diverse community, with strong participation and leadership across generations - including more than four hundred women who serve as instructors and club leaders - along with programs that support youth and hams with disabilities. LICW is a community - people who show up for each other, celebrate progress, and share the joy of CW on the air.

Special Achievement Martha Fell, N3QBE, and Joe Fell, W3GMS

Martha and Joe Fell's journey began in 1966 when Joe earned his Novice license (WN3GMS) at the age of fourteen. Shortly thereafter, he met Harry I. Davis, W3FDY (SK), who mentored him for four years. Harry taught him to think critically, design circuits, and execute projects with precision. His guidance was life-changing, and Joe pledged to honor his request to give back to others just as Harry had done for him.

To fulfill this promise, Joe chose to retire at age 56, following a 34-year corporate career and the successful launch of his own company. The success of their mentoring mission is thanks to his wife, Martha, whose dedication to overseeing administration and logistics has greatly benefited their students.



Their program's reach has grown significantly over the decades. In 1976, Joe designed and built a repeater for his mentor's radio site which remains operational 50 years later, serving a group of approximately eighty-five operators. Their weekly technical net has become a primary resource for both new and seasoned amateurs, including many professional electrical engineers.

Today, Martha and Joe Fells mentor students of all ages and interests. While their first student is currently pursuing a PhD in Electrical Engineering at MIT, their youngest started at just eight years old.

Amateur of the Year Dr. Jose "Otis" Vicens, NP4G

First licensed at the age of sixteen, Otis, known to friends and fellow operators on the air as NP4G, developed a passion for amateur radio. Born and raised in Humacao, Puerto Rico, he is the only amateur radio operator in his family.

Otis later moved to the United States to study Biology at Purdue University, where he became active with the W9YB Amateur Radio Club. One of his early memories of service through amateur radio was in 1998, when he helped provide communications support in Puerto Rico, following Hurricane Georges. In Puerto Rico he graduated from the University of Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine. In 2008, Otis returned to his hometown of Humacao to begin practicing orthodontics.

Early in his ham career, Otis attended the DX Forum at Dayton Hamvention, where presentations on major DX-peditions inspired him to someday be a part of future adventures. He has now participated in many DXpeditions from all over the world, including the very rare Bouvet Island (3Y).

Otis is very active in Puerto Rico ham radio. He was the Past President of the Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League (PRARL) in 2012 and during the 2017 Puerto Rico hurricane disasters, NP4G helped coordinate amateur radio emergency communications across eastern Puerto Rico following Hurricane Georges.

NP4G is now President of the International DX Association (INDEXA) and most recently was part of the all KP4 team to activate from Desecheo Island with amazing technology as KP5/NP3VI.

Technical Achievement Award Robert Famiglio, K3RF

Robert B. "Bob" Famiglio, K3RF, has spent almost 60 years, in amateur radio, blending technical expertise, legal knowledge, and leadership in emergency communications. Licensed at 13, Bob earned a BSE in electrical engineering and a doctorate in law, now admitted to practice in several states and before federal courts and agencies while working in the technology sector. For more than 40 years, he has served as Volunteer Counsel, advising hams on PRB 1 matters, zoning, and antenna ordinances, RFI enforcement, and club governance. His technical understanding of station engineering and interference resolution has informed effective legal strategies and regulatory comments.

Elected to ARRL leadership for multiple terms (EPA Section Manager, Atlantic Division Vice Director, and, later, Director), he championed member rights, transparency, and representative governance. Previously, Bob served several terms as Vice President & General Counsel of the Radio Club of America and functioned as corporate counsel for the board. In emergency communications, he served as ARES District Emergency Coordinator for Greater Philadelphia, supporting regional response agencies applying technical expertise, message handling, and interoperability between amateur and public safety systems. His formal training as a professional firefighter enhances his ability to align ham radio technology with operational needs of served agencies.

A long-time mentor, Bob supports on-air training nets and club programs, stressing technical competence, regulatory literacy, and readiness for public service. Bob's blend of engineering, legal acumen, and emergency response experience has encouraged continuous training, lowered barriers to participation, and inspired new generations of ham radio operators.

Previous Award Winners

Amateur of the Year

1955..... William C. Jenney, W8FYW
..... Benjamin S. Zieg, W9EHU,
..... K4OQK
1956..... Edmund C. Ryan, W8LRR
1957..... Ralph Crammer, W8VHO
I958 ..... Rev. C. Lynn White, K4CC
1959..... Harlow Lucas, W8QQ
1960..... Paul Woffe, W8IVE
1961..... Ed Bonnet, W8OVG
1962..... Dana Cartwright, W8UPB
1963..... Chester Funk, K8EUF, K7ZKL
1964 .... H. Ruble, W8PTF
1965..... Carl B. Snyder, W8ARW
1966..... Robert K Caskey, W9DNQ
1967..... Jack Gray, W8JDV
1968..... Elmer Schubert, W8ALW
1969..... Wayne Walters, W9DOG
1970..... Kay Anderson, W8DUV
1971..... Al Michel, W8WC
1972 .... Don C. Miller, W9NTP
1973..... Ray E. Myers, W6MLZ
1974..... Barry Goldwater, K7UGA
1975 .... Richard A. Daniels, WA4DGU
1976..... Joseph M. Hertzberg, N3EA
1977..... Rafael M. Estevez, WA4ZZG
1978..... Frank Schwab, W8OK
1979..... George G. Batterson, W2GB
1980..... Wayne Overbeck, N6NB
1981..... Eric C. Shalkhauser, W9CI
1982..... Robert G. Heil, Jr., K9EID
1983..... Katashi Nose, KH6IJ
1984..... Dave L. Bell, W6AQ
1985..... John J. Willig, W8ACE
1986..... Roy Neal, K6DUE
1987..... Carole Perry, WB2MGP
1988..... Bill Bennett, W7PHO
1989..... Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF
1990..... Stephen Mendelsohn, WA2DHF
1991..... John B. Johnston, W3BE
1992..... Richard Baldwin, WIRU
1993..... Harry Dannals, W2HD
1994..... Perry Williams, WlUED
1995..... Rosalie White, WA1STO
1996..... William A. Tynan, W3XO
1997..... Leo I. Myerson, WØGFQ
1998..... Andrew J. Feldman, WB2FXN
1999..... Kenneth M. Miller, K6IR
2000..... Marttie Laine, OH2BH
2001..... George Jacobs, W3ASK
2002..... Alanson "Hap" Holly, KC9RP
2003..... Larry "Tree" Tyree, N6TR
2004..... David Kopacz, KY1V
2005..... Alan S. Kaul, W6RCL
2006..... Gordon West, WB6NOA
2007..... Jim Haynie, W5JBP
2008..... Ward Silver, NØAX
2009..... Wade D. Hampton, K4ITL
2010..... Jim Stafford, W4QO
2011..... Shirley Roberts, N8LX
2012.....S. Suri, VU2MY
2013..... None Given
2014..... Dr. Larry E Prince, W4RA
2015..... Tim Duffy, K3LR
2016..... Joe Taylor, K1JT
2017..... Frank Bauer, KA3HDO
2018..... Valerie Hotzfeld, NV9L
2019..... Nathaniel Frissell, W2NAF
2020..... Yasuo Miyazawa, JH1AJT
2021..... Angel Vazquez, WP3R
2022..... Jim Simpson, KF8J
2023..... Carsten Dauer, DM9EE
2024..... Edward Engleman, KG8CX
2025..... Neil Rapp, WB9VPG

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1977..... South American Moonbounce (EME) Expedition Team of the Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Elliott Weisman, K3JJZ
Anthony Sousa, W3HMU
S. William Olsan, W3HQT
Walter Boldman, K3BPP
Daniel Mitten, WA3NFU
Socrates Martinez, WB3AFY
Bohnar Aguilar, WB3AOP
1978..... Ronald Moorefield, W8ILC
1979..... Edward Tilton, W1HDQ
1980..... Joseph Merdler N6AHU
1981..... Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF,
Bill Orenstein, KH6IAF
1982..... Bruce Humphrys, KØHR
1983..... Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ
1984..... Ethel Smith, K4LMB
1985..... Judith Frye, KG8P
1986..... Rev. Michael Mullen, C.M., WB2GQW
1987..... Arthur Gentry, W6MEP
1988..... Fred Hammond, VE3HC
1989..... Phil Karn, KA9Q
1990..... Paul Thomson, KCØVG
1991..... Nate Brightman, K6ØSC
1992..... Ned Raub, W1RAN
1993..... Robert Adams, WA9ZMO
1994..... Russ Kroeker, N7HGE
1995..... Ed Briner, WA3TVG
1996..... John Kraus, W8JK
1997..... Joseph J. Fairclough, WB2JKJ
1998..... John B. Bellows, Jr., KØQB
1999..... Paul D. Lieb, KH6HME
2000..... A. Prose Walker, W4BW
2001..... Frank Bauer, KA3HDO
2002..... Dr. Owen Garriott, W5LFL
2003..... Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD
2004..... George S. Wilson III, W4OYI
2005..... D. Bharathi, VU2RBI
2006..... Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH
2007..... Ed Hare, W1RFI
2008..... Emery McClendon, KB9IBW
2009..... Richard Garriott, W5KWQ
2010..... Richard "Dick" Ross
2011..... Fred L. Lloyd, AA7BQ
2012..... Steve Betza, WZ2V
2013..... George a. Thomas, Jr, W5JDX
2014..... David Sumner, K1ZZ
2015..... Thomas C. Medlin, W5KUB
2016..... Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU
2017..... S. Ram Mohan, VU2MYH
2018..... Heriberto Perez, KK4DCX
Victor Torres, WP4SD
Emilio Ortiz JR, WP4KEY
2019..... Christian Janssen, DL1MGB/KO2WW
2020..... Jordan Sherer, KN4CRD
2021..... Wesley Lamboley, W3WL
2022..... Kerry Banke, N8IZW
2024..... Anthony Luscre, K8ZT
2025..... Julio Ripoll, WD4R

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

1984..... Lyle Johnson, WA7GXD
1985 .... Richard Whiting, WØTN
1986..... M. E (Doug) DeMaw, W1FB
1987..... Henry (Hank) Oredson, WØRLI
1988..... Lew McCoy, W1ICP
1989..... Byron Goodman, W1DX
1990..... Bob McGwier, N4HY
1991..... Lou McFadin, W5DID
1992..... Gerald Cromer, K4NHN
1993..... Dick Jansson, WD4FAB
1994..... Dick Newell, AK1A
1995.....Philip Ferrell, K7PF
1996.....William Orr, W6SAI
1997.....Al Ward, W5LUA
1998.....Robert E. Bruninga, WB4APR
1999.....Alfonso R. Torres, KP4AQI
2000.....Dr. H. Paul Shuch, N6TX
2001.....Peter Martinez, G3PLX
2002.....Allen Waller, K3TKJ
2003.....Steve Dimse, K4HG
2004.....Barry Sanderson, KB9VAK
2005.....Dr. Jerry Sevick, W2FMI
2006.....Richard Illman, AH6EZ
2007.....David Cameron, VE7LTD
2008.....Thomas C. McDermott, N5EG
2009.....Copthorne MacDonald, VY2CM
2010.....Simon Brown, HB9DRV
2011.....Roy W. Lewallen, W7EL
2012.....Joel R. Hallas, W1ZR
2013.....David Rowe, VK5DGR
2013.....David M. Whitten, II, KD0EAG
2014.....David Freese Jr, W1HKJ
2015.....Reverend George Dobbs, G3RJV
2016.....John S. Burningham, D.I.T, W2XAB
2017.....Rob Brownstein K6RB
2018.....Chip Cohen, W1YW
2019.....Pietro Begali, I2RTF
2020.....Steve Franke, K9AN
Bill Somerville, G4WJS
Joe Taylor, K1JT
2021.....Tamitha Skov, WX6SWW
2022.....Adam Farson, VA7OJ/AB4OJ
2023.....Dr. James Breakall, WA3FET
2024.....Ward Silver, N0AX
2025.....Dr. Kristina Collins, KD8OXT

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1982-1983	Harold A. Judd, K4GZL	*
1984-1985	Jack Mitchell, AA8Q	
1986-1987	Jim Simpson, WB8QZZ	
1988-1989	Bill McNabb, WD8SAY	*
1990	Ed Hillman, N8ALN	
1991-1992	Ross Brown, WA8DQH	*
1993-1994	Dave Grubb, KC8CF	
1995-1996	Ken Allen, KB8KE	
1997-1999	Dick Miller, N8CBU	*
2000-2002	Jim Graver, KB8PSO	
2003	Pat Neff, N8IGS	
2004- 2005	Gary Des Combes, N8EMO	
2006-2007	Jim Nies, WX8F	
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1977	Melvin L. Levy	WA8YKV
1978	Melvin L. Levy	WA8YKV
1979	William G. Ingling	W8SVI
1980	William G. Ingling	W8SVI
1981	Victor M. Stauder	N8FPF/WA2KOO
1982	Victor M. Stauder	N8FPF/WA2KOO
1983	Thomas Holmes	N8ZM
1984	Victor M. Stauder	N8FPF/WA2KOO
1985	Edgar "Red" Smith	W8RKL
1986	Ray Smith	KR8B
1987	Ray Smith	KR8B
1988	Al Torres	KP4AQI
1989	Thomas Holmes	N8ZM
1990	Thomas Holmes	N8ZM
1991	Ron L. Moorefield	W8ILC
1992	Thomas Holmes	N8ZM
1993	Victor M. Stauder	N8FPF/WA2KOO
1994	Thomas Holmes	N8ZM
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2009	Steve Coy	K8UD
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2015	Don Dubon	N6JRL
2016	Andrew Anderson	N8VES
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2020	Ron Cramer	KD8ENJ
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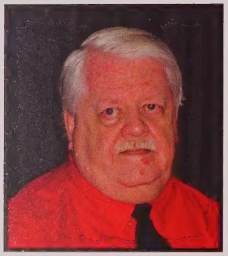

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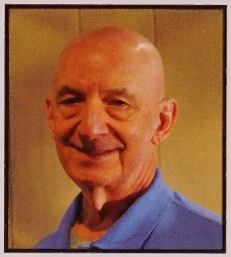

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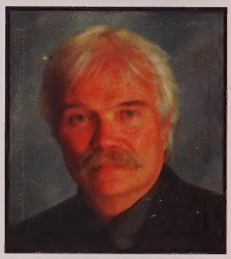

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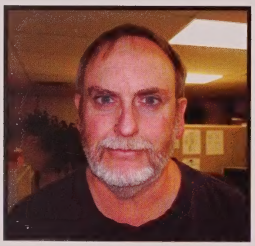

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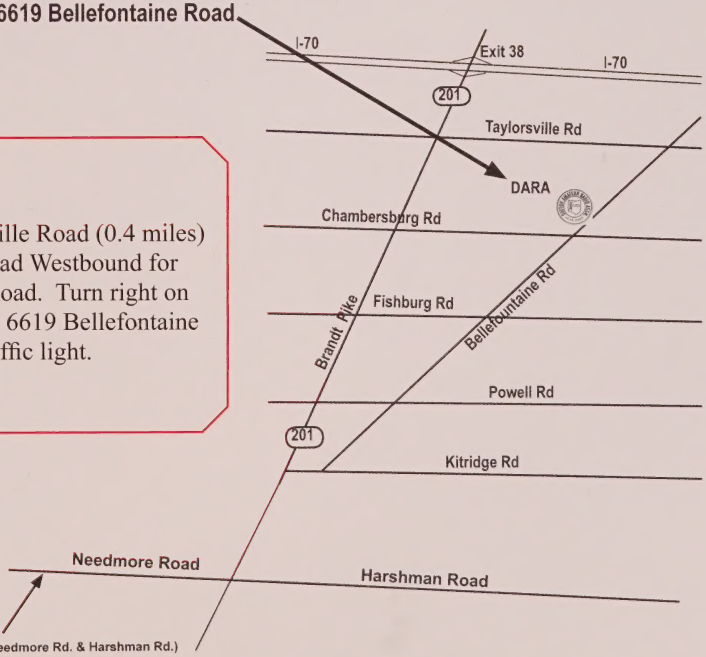

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